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Call for proposals: The Architectural League of New York announces the launch of the 2026 Independent Projects grant cycle

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June 23, 2026, New York, NY—The Architectural League of New York is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 cycle of Independent Projects, a competitive grant program offered with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support practitioners working in the design fields. [Independent Projects](#) provides grants of \$10,000 for New York State-based individuals and teams to creatively explore or research a topic or problem in design fields, including architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, community-centered design, fashion, graphic, industrial, and interior design. Using dedicated New York State public funds provided by NYSCA, the League will administer the process to receive proposals and select projects for funding. The [2026 Independent Projects](#) cycle will support 25 proposals that advance the design disciplines and contribute to a broader understanding of design, with an emphasis on artistry, design excellence, and public impact. Applicants should consider how their work may answer the question: Where can design go next?

As the grantmaking entity for Independent Projects, the League, in close collaboration with NYSCA, will publicize program guidelines, receive all applications, confirm eligibility, convene a review panel to select recipients, and disburse grant funds. Individuals located anywhere in New York State and working in any design discipline described above are eligible and welcome to apply and will receive full consideration during review.

The 2026 Independent Projects cycle continues the successful multi-year collaboration between the League and NYSCA, building on both NYSCA's long history of offering Independent Projects grants and the League's expertise in carrying out competitive grants and award programs. We are excited to once again partner with NYSCA to offer this program, and to support New Yorkers pursuing independent work and research in design.

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2026 cycle, with a final submission deadline of July 22, 2026. Complete program guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application instructions are available on the League's website at archleague.org/ipgrants26.

Support

The 2026 Independent Projects grant program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



About the New York State Council on the Arts

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. For FY2027, the Council on the Arts will award \$161 million, serving organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit www.arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, [@NYSCArts](https://www.facebook.com/NYSCArts) and Instagram [@NYSCouncilontheArts](https://www.instagram.com/NYSCouncilontheArts).

About The Architectural League of New York

The Architectural League of New York supports critically transformative work in the allied fields that shape the built environment. As a vital, independent forum, the League stimulates thinking, debate, and action on today's converging crises of racism, inequity, and climate change, in service of a more livable and just world.

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